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COR. MAIN & SILVER STS.

Estate of John Burke. Will Presented.

OTATE OF VERMONT, SB. | At a session District of Bennington, SB. | of the Probate Court, holden at the Probate Office, in Bennington, in said District, on the 4th day of December, A. D., 1965.

Present John V. Carney, Judge.

Present John V. Carney, Judge.

An Instrument, purporting to be the last Williand Testament of John Burke late of Benblington in said district, deceased, being presented by J. V. D. S. Merrili, for the executor therein named, for Probate, it is ordered by said Court, that all persons concerned therein, be notified to appear at a session thereof, to be held at the Probate of fice, in Bennington, in said District, on 28th day of Dec. A. D. 1983, at 10 o'clock in the fore noon, and show cause, if any they have, against the probate of said Will; for which purpose ith further ordered that this order be published three weeks successively in the Banner and Reformer, a newspaper printed at Bennington, in this State, previous to said time of hearing.

By the Court.

By the Court.
Attest, JOHN V. CARNEY, Judge

Commissioners' Notice.

Estate of John H. Dalley.

The undersigned, having been appointed by the Hon. Probate Court for the District of Bennington, Commissioners, to receive, examine and adjust all claims and demands of all persons against the estate of John H. Dalley, late of Shaftabury in said district, deceased, and all claims exhibited in offset thereto, hereby give notice that we will meet for the purpose afore sain at the late residence of the said John H. Dalley the Stithday of Dec. 1903, and 17th day of May next, from 9 o'clock a m. until 12 o'clock M. each of said days, and that six months from the 18th day of Nov. A. D. 1803, is the time limited by said Court for said creditors to present their claims to us for examination and allowance.

Dated at Bennington, this 7th day of Dec A. D. 1903. J. ED. WALBRIDGE, PATRICK T. GRIFFIN,

Estate of Mary A. Lane Notice of Settlement and Application Distribution.

Notice of Settlement and Application for Distribution.

STATE OF VERMONT, In Probate the Probate office in Bennington within and for the District of Bennington aforesaid on the 7th day of Dec. A. D. 1903.

Present, JOHN V. CARNEY. Judge.

Harlow A. Bottum administrator with the will annexed of the estate of Mary A. Lane, late of Shaftsbury in said District, deceased, presents his administration account for examination and allowance, and makes application for a decree of distribution and partition of the estate of said deceased. Whereupon it is ordered by said Court, that said account and said application be referred to a session thereof, to be held at the Probate Office aforesaid, on the with day of Dec. A. D. 1903, for hearing and decision thereof. Apd it is turnier ordered, that notice thereof be given to all parties interested by publication of this same three weeks successively in the Banner and Beformer, a newspaper published at Bennington.

SOUTH SHAFTSBUR

F. Eddy was in Cambridge on Westnesday.

Do not forget the sale at Cole Hall by the Ladie's Aid.

Joseph Tessier will take his position with the Hawkins Bro's next week.

A daughter was born to Mr and Mrs Will Pleasant on Monday night Dec 7. Miss C. S. Mattison is on the sick list, has had quite a severe aftack of tonsilitis.

Miss Lena Harris teaches in the Snow district, boards at home, drives norning and evening.

Clifford Hawkins will handle the 'Daily Banner' any one wishing can have it for one cent a day. The schools opened Monday morn-

ing, village teachers the same, Prof. Dinsmore, Miss Rose LaDue and Miss Ida Harrington. Miss Nellie Martin is teaching in

the Bates district, where Miss Mary Seymore was last term, Miss Rilla Galusha in the Howard District.

We were visited with a touch of Shirkshire on Wednesday evening, sleighing. Thursday morning, it is sure to buy. For sale snowing, and quite wintry.

Charles Peck formerly in F. L. Mat tison store was in town last week, came on from Michigan for a witness on the suit, also J. F. Fredenburg from New Brittan, Conn.

The church choir are rehearsing their Christmas music. There will be a concert by the Sunday school in connection with the distribution of presents, each class in school assist in some contribution either in retiations dialogues interspersed with singing.

A letter received from Mrs Charles Fowler of Pittsfield, Mass., a former town woman, writes of her mother, Mrs R. L. Stickles a life long resident of town, who is remarkably well for one over 80, although the infirmaties of age have crippled her so much that she has to use cruches to get about.

—THE BIG—

Bankrupt Sale

Continues Until Saturday December 12,

His store is crammed full of articles bought at one-third of their actual value and which will be sold at prices never before heard of in Bennington.

You don't believe it! Then come and see that is all we ask, Whatever you want in clothing for man, woman or child come to Levin's and he can save von meney.

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Mrs H. I. Spafford who has been quite ill is able to be out again. Mrs Andrew Peters of Schenectady,

N. Y., has been the guests of Miss Alice Mattison for a few days. Miss Emerette Mattison left Monday morning for Arlington where she will spend sometime with her niece Mrs

Deacon Geo A. Bruffee, an old and respected resident of this place, died Wednesday night, after a lingering illness. He was over seventy years old. Mr Bruffee has been for years a deacon in the Congregational church, and always faithful to his duties. He was a member of Tucker Lodge. F. & A. M., Tucker Chapter, O. E. S., and G. A. Custer Post. He is survived by a daughter, Miss Ida, with whom he lived, and one son, C. J. of Peterboro, N. H., who with his wife arrived just in time to see his father breathe his last. The funeral will be in charge of Tucker Lodge, and will snow fell but not enough to make good be observed Saturday afternoon at two o'clock from the Congregational church.

IN THE SENATE.

Cuban Bill Takes Up the Time of the

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22. - There were two speeches in the senate on the Cuban reciprocity bill, one of them by a Democrat in support of the bill and the other by a Republican in opposition.

The opposing speech was made by Mr. Bard (Cal.), who contended that the United States was under no obligation to give further aid to Cuba and especially when to do so we must pursue a course injurious to our own indus-

Mr. McCreary (Ky.) made his maiden speech in the dite and supported the bill because our past magnanimous course toward Cuba he believed to be a step toward tariff reform. He said that the protective policy of the United States already had brought about retaliation by Germany, and he predicted that other European nations, possibly including Great Britain, soon would follow the example set by that country

A Thousand Dollars' Worth of Good.

A. H. Thurnes, a well known coal operator of Buffalo, O., writes, "I have been afflicted with kidney and bladder trouble for years, passing gravel or stores with excruciating pain I got to relief from medicires until I began taking Foley's Kidney Cure, then the result was surprising. A few doses started the brick dust like fine stones and now I have no pain across my kidneys and I feet like a new man. It has done me a \$1000 worth of good."

A kidney or bladder trouble can al-ways be cured by using Foley's Kidpey Cure in time. For sale by B. A. Quinlan.

A Frightened Horse.

Running like mad down the street dumping the occupants, or a hundred other accidents, are every day occurrences. It behooves everybody to have a reliable salve handy and there's none as good as Bucklen's Arnica Salve. Burns, cuts, sores eczema and piles, disappear quickly under its soothing effect. 25c, at Gibson's drug store.

Women love a clear, healthy complexion. Pure blood makes it. Burdock Blood Bitters makes pure b lood.

Mother Gray's Sweet Powders For Children Successfully used by Mother Gray, the Children's Home in New e feverishness, bad stomach, lisorders, move and regulate

COMMISSIONERS' NOTICE.
Estate of MARTHA E. AUSTIN Estate of Martha E. Austin.
The undersigned, having been appointed by the Hon. Probate Court for the District of Ben sington, COMMISSIONERS to receive, examine and adjust all claims and demands of all persons around the estate of Martha E. Austin late of Bennington in Said district, deceased, and all claims exhibited in offset thereto, hereby give notice that we will meet for the purpose aforesind, at the Walboomsee Inn. Bennington Center, Vt. in said district of Pennington on the 7th day of January, 1984 and 28th day of May, 1984 next, from 20 clock p. nt. until 4 o'clock p. m. each of said days, and that six months from the 1st day of Dec. A. D. 1960, is the time limited by said Court for said creditors to present their claims to us for examination and allowance.

Dated at Bennington, Vt., this 2nd day of Dec. A. D. 1960.

S. B. HALL, S. L. BOBINSON,

Boys' Books For Christmas

The Henty Books, Horatio Alger, Jr., Works, Oliver Opties, Kirk Munro's, Robinson Croso, Swiss Family Robinson, Stevenson's Treasure Island, Rip Van Winkle and many others.

A. Maurer,

427 Main Street.



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for a fine present, but a case would be better. If you can afford it, a case of Champagne, a case of Wine or Beer.

CHEER UP

during this holiday season and help others to do it, too. If you only send one bottle of Harvard it will please some people as much as a case to others. Be liberal anyway and you will be happy, too.

MORRISSEY 105 Pleasant St.

Estate of Louis Marlow. Notice of Settlement and Application for Distri-bution.

Notice of Settlement and Application for Distribution.

'TATE OF VERMONT, i At a session button.

'Tate of Vermont, i At a session of the Probate Court, holden at the Probate Office, in Benning ton, in said District, on the 9th day of December, A. D. 1903.

Present, John V. Carney, Judge.

Thomas Hani, on, administrator of the estate of Louis Mariow, hate of Bennington, in said district, deceased, presents his administration account for examination and allowance, and makes application for a decree of distribution and partition of the estate of said deceased.

Whereupon, it is ordered by said Court, that said account and said application be referred to a session thereof, to be held at the Probate Office aforesaid, on the 28th day of Dec. A. D. 1903 for hearing and decision thereon: And it is further ordered, that notice thereof be given to all parties interested, by publication of the same three weeks successively in the Banner and Reformer, a newspaper published at Bennington, previous to said time appointed for hearing, that they may appear at said time and place, and show cause. If any they play have, why said account.

BENNINGTON BRIEFS

of the Town and Village Told Briefly for Busy Beaders. Earle S. Kinsley of Rutland has been in town the past two days.

Charles Cooper of 608 Main Street is spending a few days in Amsterdam. George Moore and wife of 108 Valentine St., spent Saturday in Troy and Albany.

Postmaster Dewey visited the office vesterday for the first time in some eight weeks.

The Putnam hose company gave a smoke talk to members and a few others last evening,

Mrs James H. Coffey and daughter Nellie, who have been visiting in Waterbury for a month returned last Friday evening.

Bennington Court American Foresters Tuesday evening nominated a set of officers to be elected at the next regular meeting.

A number of the young scholars at the St Josephs Academy had a sleigh nett. ride to North Bennington last evening They had a pleasant time. James Reilly of Rutland is here as

a witness in the Rogers murder trial. He has been here since Wednesday, The Leading Clothiers, Hatters, Furnishers and but hopes to get through to day. Custom Tailors, 409 Main

Several furloughs from the soldiers St., Bennington, Vermont home have been granted on account of the quarantine. There are 19 pa tients in the hospital at this time.

Miss Margaret Edgerton of the Hart ford. Conn., hospital who has been visiting her parents Mr and Mrs F. B.

Edgerton has returned to her duties. Special Friday and Saturday Roast Pork 10 1-2 cents. Pork Chops 11 ceut, (Green stamps) 7th Ward Market,

A registered Ayrshire bull has been purchased for the Soldier's Home farm. It comes from the stock of C. M. Winslow the great cattle man of

One of the interested attendants at the Rogers trial is Judge Fowler of Manchester. For 61 years he has been attending county court, and has been in attendance upon all the noted cases that have come before it during those

There has been considerable speculation as to why Morris Knapp who had been out of the state for a number of months should have returned to peared on Nov. 19 and whose bodies give testimony against Mrs Rogers. It has been insinuated that the crime own yard. of adultery is an extraditeable one. and that his attention had been called to that fact.

The funeral of Charles Kinsley was held from his late residence Friday trousers of Bonier are unmistakably afternoon, Rev Philip Schuyler of blood spots. Several splotches of the St Peters church officiating. There blood were found. An attempt evidentwas quite a number of the older ly had been made to wash out the people present. The entermeut was in the village cemetery the bearers being E. F. Rudd, M. V. B. Armstrong, D. of the blood. H. Rudd, James Fitzegerald.

Sheriff Wilson, Deputies Godfrey, Nash, Morrissey of Stamford, Corey of Shaftsbury, Rooney of Woodford have been on duty at the court room during the week. Considering the size of the attendance the room has, been fair, stating in effect that United States remarkably quiet since Judge Watson had two persons expelled from the room the morning the murder trial op-

A horse driven by a South street young man shied at a car in front of Judge Carneys about 9 o'clock last his investigation. night and delivered the occupants in the street. The horse ran to Taylor's stable and no damge was done except that the young man has been kept busy explaining how it happened and appealing to the editor to keep his name out of the paper.

The following from the Cambridge Post of Friday settles a matter that has been somewhat in dispute among the players here:-"About 200 spectators witnessed the basket-ball game Wednesday evening. In the first game the Cambridge second team had a walkover with Salem, winning by 50 to 5. The second game, between Bennington and the regular local team, was

well played and exciting from start to

finish. Bennington finally winning by

a score of 15 to 8.

Christmas evergreen wreaths, 10, 15, and 25 cents each. Rope wreathing, 5 and 7 cents per yard. Christmas trees, 25 and 50 cents. Mail received every day. Address Mrs Clarence S. Morse, R. F. D. I, Bennington, Vt. Order by mail now. 45w3

Coughs, Colds and Constipation.

Fow people realize when taking cough medicines other than Foley's Honey and Tar, that they contain opiates which are constipating besides be-ing unsafe, particularly for children. Foley's Honey and Tar contains no opiates, is safe and sure and will not constipate. For sale by B. A. Quin-

A Costly Mistake.

Blunders are sometimes very expen-sive. Occasionally life itself is the price of a mistake, but you'll never be wrong if you take Dr King's New Life Pills for dyspepsia. dizziness, headache gentle yet thorough. 25c, at Gibson's

SENNETT WILL CASS.

Deceit Charged Against W. J. Brysn and His Wife,

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Dec. 12. Counsel for Mrs. Bennett, widow of Philo S. Bennett, has filed a long statement of the reasons for the appeal recently taken from the decision of Judge Cleaveland in the probate court in re lution to Mr. Bennett's will.

In the formal notice of appeal it was briefly announced that objection would be taken to all of the bequests in the will providing for trust funds for educational purposes to be administered by Mr. and Mrs. William J. Bryan and also to the appointment of Mr. Bryan as executor and trustee.

The appeal says it was then the in tention of Mr. Bryan and his wife that only the sealed letter addressed to Mrs. Bennett was to be brought to her knowledge, "and that was for the purpose of inducing her to permit William I. Bryan to get the \$50,000." It is also declared to have been the intention of Mr. and Mrs. Bryan not to make public the other paper addressed to Mr. Bryan as "My Dear Mr. Bryan" or to have it brought to the knowledge of Mrs. Ben-

NATIONAL COMMITTEE MEETS.

Received by President Roosevelt at the White House.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12,-The national Republican committee, presided over by Senator M. A. Hanna, met at the Arlington hotel here for the purpose of deciding the time and place for the next national Republican convention. After a brief session, at which Senator Hanna congratulated the committee on its past achievements and predicted future success, the commit ter paid its respects to President Roosevelt at the White House. The exchange of greetings between the president and the committee was most cordial. A group picture of the committee was taken on the White House portico, in which the president and Senator Han na occupied the foreground.

St. Louis and Chicago, which seem to be the chief rival cities for the convention, are maintaining headquarters at the Arlington and will be given an opportunity to present their claims at the morning session.

BONIER HELD FOR MURDER.

Inquest on the Bodies of the Aged

Frehr Couple at Buffalo. BUFFALO, Dec. 12.—Charles Bonier seventy-four years old, has been held by the inquest jury on the charge of having murdered Franz and Johanna Frehr, the aged couple who disapwere found on Dec. 3 buried in their

The charge against Bonier is murder

in the first degree. City Chemist Hill has announced as the result of his chemical and microscopic analysis that the spots on the blood stains. Bonier when arrested admitted that the trousers belonged to him. He could not explain the presence

Turks Blame Our Consul. WASHINGTON, Dec. 12. - Chekib Bev, the Turkish minister here, filed

with the state department an explana tion from the minister for foreign affairs of Turkey of the Alexandretta af-Consul Davis sought to procure the illegal emigration of a Turkish subject and, falling in this, attacked and beat the Turkish police and then took the steamer. The state department has had partial advices from Minister Leishman and is awaiting the completion of

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New York Markets, FLOUR-More active and firmer; Minns-sota patents, 34,3594.75; winter straights, 3494.10; winter extras, 3393.35; winter pat-ents, 1674.35. WHEAT-Fairly active and firmer on

WHEAT—Fairly active and firmer on the builish government report and covering of shorts; May, 85,1685 [-16c; July, 81 16-16952c.]
RYE—Dull; state and Jersey, 54658c.; No. 2 western, 63%c., f. o. b., affoat.
CORN—Also strong and active, gaining an impetus from good outside buying and the wheat strength; May, 49 7-15948%c.
OATS—Nominal; track, white, state, 419 5c; track, white, western, 416-65c.
PORK—Steady; mess, 112.7691250; family, 15.75915.50.
LARD—Steady; prime western steam, 6.50c. LARD—Steady; prime western steam, 620c.

BUTTER—Quiet; extra creamery, 25c.; state dairy, 15672c.

CHEESE—Quiet; state, full cream, fancy, small, clored. September, 15c.; late made, 10c.; small, white. September, 15c.; late made, 10c.; large, white, September, 12c.; late made, 10c.; large, white, September, 15c.; late made, 10c.

EGGS—Firmer; state and Pennsylvania nearby average best, 11c.; state and Pennsylvania seconds to firsts, 2582c.; western extras, 31c.; western firsts, 30c.

TURPENTINE—Steady at 334260c.

MOLASSES—Firm: New Orleans, 316

RC. RICE—Quiet; domestic, 34,65%c.; Japan TALLOW-Firm; city, 45c.; country, 45 Githc. HAY-Steady; shipping, 99575c.; good to choice, 859924c.

Live Stock Market. CATTLE—Market standy; choice, 5.0; prime, 14.7064.85; fair, 1368.60; weal calves, 95.5067; HOGS—Market higher; prime heavy, 44.5574.20; mediums, 44.5064.85; basvy 14.5574.20; mediums, 44.504.85; basvy 14.5574.20; mediums, 44.504.85; basvy 14.5574.20; mediums, 44.504.85; basvy 14.5574.20; mediums, 44.554.85.

Christmas Goods and Gifts

We have our goods all out. Perfumes, stag horn sets, and a fine line of ladies' and gents' pocketbooks. Call and see for yourself, it costs nothing to look them over, we like to have you. A salr on water bottles this week. If you need one now is the time.

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Round Steak 12c Shoulder Steak..... 10c Porterhouse Steak 18c Shoulder Roast 10c Stew Beef4c to 9c Leg of Lamb 15c Shoulder of Lamb 12c Lamb Stew..... 10c Lamb Chops..... 12e to 18c Sausage, link Ilc Sausage, home-made .. 2 lbs. 25c Skinned Ham 9c to 13c Frankforts...... 10c Salt Pork 10c Lard Ilc

Home made Mince Meat, quart cans 45c. pint cans 25c. Cash cart runs every day to all parts

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Good stock of both soft and hard dry kindling. Also good hard wood, either

awed or four foot. Call and get prices. GEO. H. CHANDLER

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